Phi Kappa Phi Forum and Its Relationship with the Society

Phi Kappa Phi in the Forum is the multidisciplinary quarterly magazine of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Each issue of the award-winning journal reaches more than 100,000 active members as well as government officials, scholars, educators, university administrators, public and private librarians, and learned organizations, corporate executives, and many other types of subscribers.

The flagship publication of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society, with chapters on more than 300 college and university campuses across the country, Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 at the University of Maine and, upwards of one million members spanning the academic disciplines have been initiated since the Society’s inception. Notable alumni include former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, former NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, writer John Grisham, YouTube co-founder CEO Chad Hurley and poet Rita Dove. The Society began publishing what has now become the Phi Kappa Phi Forum in 1915.

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2011 Fellowship Recipients

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University of Washington
Sedro-Woolley, WA
Student
Career objective: Intellectual property law
Phi Kappa Phi chapter: University of Montana
Major: Art and political science
But part of Phi Kappa Phi: Getting to know great students and faculty

Kevin Edelin
Harvard University
School of Design
Master of architecture
Career objective: Independent architectural designer and developer
Phi Kappa Phi chapter: College of Arts & Sciences
Major: Architecture

Melissa Houben
University of Wisconsin-Madison (2011 and 2012)
MA student in urban and regional planning
Phi Kappa Phi chapter: College of Letters & Science
Major: Classics and modern cultures

Allison E. Kosar
University of Washington
Mechanical engineering
Career objective: Game designer
Phi Kappa Phi chapter: Seattle University
Major: Physics and German

Quinn Landry
Iowa State University
Chemistry
My Maternal grandmother
Phi Kappa Phi chapter: Brigham Young University
Major: Physics and German
Satisfying community service: Sunday afternoons helping local residents to rehabilitation home

Benjamin Frandsen
University of Wisconsin
Chemistry
Phi Kappa Phi chapter: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Major: Chemistry

Rebecca Proulx
Tufts University
Undergraduate major: Biochemistry
Satisfying community service: Volunteering at my local hospital, University Health Services, St. Margaret

Janice Michael
University of Wisconsin
Geology
Satisfying community service: Volunteering at a local park or science outreach on sexual assault,

Patrick Kenney
University of Oklahoma
College of Medicine
Medical student
Most proud of: I was elected captain of the Navy’s intramural tennis team

Nicholas R. Bürge
University of Maryland
Chemistry
Satisfying community service: Pursuing a master in public policy

Rebecca Rice
Kansas State University
Political Science
Phi Kappa Phi chapter: United States Naval Academy
Major: Political Science
Satisfying community service: The Next unites all by Eric Greitens

Bassam Michael
Harvard Medical School
Graduate medical student
Phi Kappa Phi chapter: Harvard Medical School
Major: Medicine

Luke Janosik
Iowa State University
Computer Science
Satisfying community service: Writing books for Emily Bright

Nabil Michael
University of Minnesota
Satisfying community service: Volunteering at my local hospital, University Medical Center, St. Margaret

Benjamin Weimert
University of Wisconsin
Physics
Phi Kappa Phi chapter: Washington University in St. Louis
Major: Physics

Weston Michael
University of Virginia
Philosophy
Satisfying community service: Helping set up two medical clinics in Nicaragua

Sarah Wilkinson
University of Virginia
Undergraduate major: Biology
Satisfying community service: Simultaneous open house fundraisers and missions for a middle school

Kathleen Greey Fellow
University of Oregon
Satisfying community service: Helping set up two medical clinics in Nicaragua

Michelle M. Shaffer
University of Oregon
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Major: English

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Learners Grants support endeavors that build and otherwise encourage the knowledge, confidence, and related benefits that derive from reading, math, science, and computing, among other fields. Fourteen grants up to $2,500 apiece were awarded this year (out of $70,000) to members for ongoing projects or new initiatives that reinforce part of the Society’s mission “to engage the community of scholars in service to others.” Including 2011, more than 100 recipients have earned Literacy Grants totaling upwards of $225,000 since the program began in 2003.

Details:
Michigan State University (MSU) students, faculty, staff and Community Language School personnel read at five public libraries and make classroom visits to teach elementary and middle school students in Spanish.

By John T. Harding

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ome soldiers are unwilling to share their wartime experiences upon returning home. Others yearn to tell that story.

That’s why Army veteran Travis Martin, who completed two tours of duty in Iraq, will apply his Literacy Grant to help America hear stories of prose, poetry, and artwork by and for military veterans and their families. Martin joined the Army in May. The grant paid for 500 textbooks.
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Looking for Leaders

Exercise the honor of democracy!
Phi Kappa Phi seeks nominations for its Board of Directors!

Recent changes in bylaws have made it possible for all active Phi Kappa Phi members to take part in the governance of the Society. Did you know that any active member can nominate candidates from the Society’s august ranks to serve two-year terms as President-Elect, Vice President for Finance, Vice President for Marketing and Member Benefits, Vice President for Fellowships and Awards, and two Vice Presidents at Large? You can! Active members also will be able to vote on the two Vice Presidents at Large.

For position descriptions and nomination forms, go online to www.PhiKappaPhi.org/convention2012. Board candidates must be active members, and nominations must be received by Feb. 24, 2012. Voting for the two VPs at Large is open to all active members and will take place electronically April 2-20, 2012. The remaining elected offices will be voted on by chapter delegates at the 2012 convention, which will be held Aug. 9-11 in St. Louis, Mo.

The 2012 convention will feature a keynote speech from former astronaut and Phi Kappa Phi member Wendy Lawrence, presentations from Society award winners, roundtable breakfasts, training workshops, and much more. All active members are invited to attend the biennial event. Look for more information in forthcoming Monthly Mentions emails and in the next Phi Kappa Phi Forum.